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CLYDE VALLEY PISTOL CLUB NEWSLETTER

Secretary's Welcome

Here we are its Issue 3 already!

Winter is already here and Christmas just round the corner and sadly the last of our own outdoor shoots is past. But remember Faslane continues until the end of the year, only taking a short break in January and February

In this issue our coach has provided a short summary of the last probationary courses.

The club's finances continue to be strong, but as its now November, the rules as laid out in the Constitution require that all fees be paid in full. Of course if you have taken the option of paying by standing order then that does not apply and helps spread the cost of your membership over the year. If your fees are not up to date expect a letter from our Treasurer

Talking of the cost of membership, I was talking with another member recently about that and he pointed out the exceptional value the club represents. For £11.00 per month (less than the cost of 4 pints of beer at the UK's average cost) you can shoot 4 nights a week with the only additional cost being the cost of ammunition or tea/coffee/soft drink/munchies (all cheaper than in the shops). You also get at least 10 full bore shoots per year, again free, you don't even have to pay for targets. When comparing that to other clubs, it really is value for money

Competitions! That reminds me. By popular demand and to make things a bit more interesting the club hopes to start regular practical shoots again. In the past these were regular events but fell by the wayside a few years ago. However, due to a renewed interest amongst members its hoped that these will once again



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become a regular occurrence. Keep an eye on the clubs notice boards for dates.

Up and Coming Club Courses and Events

Work Party

There will be a work party on the 19th of November.
Please remember that Work Parties are not just for the committee.
All members can come, in fact the committee count on the membership to help. Its **YOUR** club, please come along and lend a hand.

There will be a Paint Party on the 14th of January, to carry out redecoration of the clubroom.
Please attend if possible. If we can not get sufficient members to attend then we will either have to pay £800 to have it done by a contractor or we will need to shut the club until its complete.

Competition

3rd December .22 Practical / Speed Shoot
Come along and have some fun

Courses

11th December Propationers Course. See Sam Gebbie for details



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Full Bore Shoots

Blair Adam:-

That's all folks, until next year!

Faslane:

13th Nov. 10th Dec.

Shooting starts at 12.00noon
and continues until 3.00pm or
4.00pm weather and light
permitting

**There are no fees to either of the above for CVPC members.
Non CVPC members pay £10 at Blair Adam and £5 at Faslane.**

Coaches Reports

Probationary Courses – Sam Gebbie

Full Bore

On the 27th August 2 members of the club sat their full bore course at Blairadam the members being Lesley Wallace and John Gordon. It was a nice clear day with no wind combined with the new look 200 yard firing point (now covered) John was first up to shoot He started with a Lee Enfield .303 and after the initial shock that it kicks more than the club's .38 under leavers John settled down and shot some good groups.

Lesley was next up and started with a scoped .223 having never shot a full bore before Lesley started with a bulls eye and then continued the way She had started.

Next came the scoped .308 John was first and soon settled in with a consistent grouping which He was very pleased with. Lesley then took her turn and continued the same way as with the .223 John was heard to say "I do not want to get on the wrong side of Lesley if She can shoot like that"



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Both John and Lesley shot from the 500 yard point and were getting good accurate shots on the targets this was a fitting finish as they both shot well all day.

Practical Course – Bill Irvine

On the 3rd September 12 of us gathered for an introduction to practical shooting. The objective was to give everyone a basic insight to all forms of practical that are likely to be shot at the club. Included were Airsoft, CAS (Cowboy Action), 22 Semi Auto and Lever Action. But the day focused on SAFETY throughout!

There were a good selection of firearms and equipment on show on the day so everyone got a good idea as to what's involved and available but also reminded, you don't have to go out and buy everything at once. You can start with a gun and a few mags and that's all you need to have some fun.

Once the "classroom" work was over it was onto the range for a few quick stages, a man V man and a full 3 stage combined COF. Everyone done well and enjoyed themselves but the match of the day had to be the man V man. After being put out in the very first pairing of the first round young Allan Roy managed to get a "by" into the next round (due to odd numbers) and went on to win in an exciting and very close final.

Well done to all who attended on the day. Certificates will be issued to all (eventually!).

Club Membership

Club membership continues to increase. On average 4 new probationers join each month. As always some of them fall by the wayside but our numbers are steadily increasing (as can be seen by the standing room only most nights in the clubhouse!)

If anyone has any ideas that they think would help recruit new members, please feel free to let the secretary or other committee members know.



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Work Party

I realise that by the time I was able to get this issue out the work party had already passed. Sadly I could not make it myself thanks to illness but I understand it was well attended with a total 9 committee and ordinary members attending.

Firstly a **BIG** thanks to all who made the effort.

However, we have over 100 members and less than 10% can spare a couple of hours to attend a work party to improve conditions at YOUR club.

Remember its up to all members (and not just the committee) to maintain the range. If we cant get sufficient numbers to attend such days the committee will have no option but to contract out to external companies which will cost the club a lot of money and will mean an increase in fees which nobody wants.

So please make and effort and attend at least one such event in a year. Its not a big ask!

Range Report

The 15th of October, sadly, saw the last full bore shoot at Blair Adam (that is unless we can get another date or two).

Turnout was OK but a few usual attendees were missing due to other commitments, however, those present still managed to have a good time and put a lot of lead down range.

We did decide to remain at 200 yards rather than dress back to 500 yards as is usual, in part because the new firing point is just so damn cosy!

The plan is to book at least as many shoots for next year. Remember even if you don't have your own full bore guns the club has a number. So come along and have a go.



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Blair Adam from the butts (with the range transport in the foreground!).

Top Tips

For those of you with progressive reloading presses, consider using a spray lube when reloading straight wall pistol cartridges even if you are using carbide dies. Although not necessary when using the carbide dies it will make resizing your cases so much easier and speed up the whole reloading process.

Shooters Odd Box

Cleaning cases can be done using a tumbler with a dry media. It usually takes some time to clean cases this way. The alternative is to use an ultra sonic cleaner. Ultra sonic cleaners supplied through the gun trade can be quite expensive typically £100 or more. Maplin Electronics do one for £30. Just remember to dry the cases before re-loading.

If you have any handy hints of tips, things that work for you that you would like to share, please email it and it will be included in a future issue of the news letter.



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Website Time

If anyone has a useful or favourite website this is the place to share it with other members

For the AR15/M16 lovers amongst us have a look at these:-

www.Ar15.com
www.M4carbine.net
www.lannertactical.com

For the accuracy nuts amongst us, try these:-

www accurateshooter.com
www.6mibr.com

Handy Suppliers:-

www.rimfiremagic.co.uk
www.voodootactical.com (or .net)

The others:-

www.sportingservices.co.uk/aics.asp
www.silencertalk.com

I will try and update this list each month with useful websites. If you have a favourite site, let me have the details and I will add it to the list.



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Colt 1911 LBP



It's not quite a "real" pistol but it is close.

Manufactured by German Sport Guns (GSG) it's a .22LR semi automatic long barrellled pistol with an alloy frame and slide.

Very like a real 1911 (except for the calibre, barrel and wrist brace), most genuine 1911 accessories will fit these guns.

Imported into the UK from Germany by "The Tunnel" these guns are very popular in the US where they are being sold in more traditional 5" and 4.5" barrel configurations. In the US they offer a cheap alternative to the good old 45ACP original as .22LR is still a good bit cheaper than the alternatives.

The GSG features an operating system that matches the original, i.e. last round hold open and beaver tail grip safety. The barrel bushings can be changed to improve accuracy and a variety of adjustable sights can be installed (though watch and make sure you get the right fitting - Novak in the GSG's case).



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The barrel does not have the traditional drop link as the 45 ACP does. It's fixed in place by an additional pin and screw on the right of the receiver which needs to be kept tight (a small amount of non-permanent loctite on this screw works wonders).

Accuracy is superb at 10 meters. At 25 meters its good but possibly not as good as some of the alternatives (but thats comparing the supplied iron sights of the GSG and a red dot on a Buckmark – so there is room for work here). Optical sights & rails are available which should improve accuracy further.

M16

A close bed fellow to the 1911, the history of the M16 is interesting (Hopefully not just to fans of the "Black Rifle").

Part 1

The M16 (officially Rifle, Caliber 5.56 mm, M16) is the United States military designation for the AR-15 rifle adapted for both semi-automatic and full-automatic fire. Colt purchased the rights to the AR-15 from ArmaLite, and currently uses that designation only for semi-automatic versions of the rifle. The M16 fires the 5.56×45mm NATO cartridge. The rifle entered United States Army service and was deployed for jungle warfare operations in South Vietnam in 1963,^[4] becoming the U.S. military's standard service rifle of the Vietnam War by 1969,^[5] replacing the M14 rifle in that role. The U.S. Army retained the M14 in CONUS, Europe, and South Korea until 1970. Since the Vietnam War, the M16 rifle family has been the primary service rifle of the U.S. armed forces.

The M16 has also been widely adopted by other militaries around the world. Total worldwide production of M16-style weapons since the design's inception has been approximately 8 million, making it the most-produced firearm of its caliber.^[2] As of 2010, the M16 is being phased out in the United States Army, and is being replaced by the M4 carbine, which is itself a shortened derivative of the M16A2.^[6] The M16 could be supplemented by the Individual Carbine beginning in 2014 if procurement of that new weapon is attained.^[7]



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The M16 is a lightweight, 5.56 mm, air-cooled, gas-operated, magazine-fed assault rifle, with a rotating bolt, actuated by direct impingement gas operation. The rifle is made of steel, 7075 aluminum alloy, composite plastics and polymer materials.

In the early 1960s, the U.S. Air Force's rifle, the M16, and the Army's XM16E1, were the first versions of the M16 rifle fielded. Soon the U.S. Army standardized an upgrade of the XM16E1 as the M16A1 rifle, an M16 with a forward assist feature and other improvements requested by the Army. All of the early versions were chambered to fire the M193/M196 cartridge in the semi-automatic and the automatic firing modes. This occurred in the early 1960s, with the Army issuing it in late 1964.^[8] Commercial AR-15s were first issued to Special Forces troops in spring of 1964.^[9]



A U.S. soldier on NBC exercise, holding an M16A1 rifle and wearing an M40 Field Protective Mask. Note the receiver, forward assist and the barrel flash suppressor.

The M16A2 rifle entered service in the 1980s, being ordered in large scale by 1987, chambered to fire the standard NATO cartridge, the Belgian-designed M855/M856 cartridge.^[8] The M16A2 is a select-fire rifle (semi-automatic fire, three-round-burst fire) incorporating design elements requested by the Marine Corps:^[8] an adjustable, windage rear-sight; a stock $\frac{5}{8}$ inches (16 mm) longer; heavier barrel; case deflector for left-hand shooters; and cylindrical handguards.^[8] The fire mode selector is on the receiver's left side. The M16A2 is still a widespread rifle in the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force, while no longer in heavy use in the Army and Marine Corps.

The M16A3 rifle is an M16A2 rifle with an M16A1's fire control group (semi-automatic fire, automatic fire) that is used only by the U.S. Navy.



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The M16A4 rifle was standard issue for the United States Marine Corps in Operation Iraqi Freedom since 2004; it replaced the M16A2 in front line units. In the U.S. Army the M16A2 rifle is being supplemented with two rifle models, the M16A4 and the M4 carbine as the standard issue assault rifle. The M16A4 has a flat-top receiver developed for the M4 carbine, a handguard with four Picatinny rails for mounting a sight, laser, night vision device, forward handgrip, removable handle, or a flashlight.

The M16 rifle is principally manufactured by Colt and Fabrique Nationale de Herstal (under a U.S. military contract since 1988 by FNH-USA; currently in production since 1991, primarily M16A2, A3, and A4), with variants made elsewhere in the world. Versions for the U.S. military have also been made by H & R Firearms^[10] General Motors Hydramatic Division^[11] and most recently by Sabre Defence.^[12] Semi-automatic versions of the AR-15 are popular recreational shooting rifles, with versions manufactured by other small and large manufacturers in the U.S.

Part 2 next time.

Footnotes

SPA Inter Club Competition

Bob Hill continues to represent the club at the annual summer inter club SPA competitions. Bob picked up a number of medals this year and ended up 2nd overall (1st equal losing out on X hits). Well done Bob.

Remember any CVPC member can enter these competitions in the same way we do the postal leagues. It's a different thing shooting these events on someone else's range, so go along and have a go.



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Picture Spot

There were no pictures to include this month.

If anyone has shooting any related pictures that they would like to share with other members then this is the place to do that.

PETITION TO FORCE A RETURN TO .22 PISTOL SHOOTING

Many of you will have seen this already and I'm sure have signed it. For those that haven't I strongly recommend that you sign onto the Epetition (link below) for a return of .22 pistols. It may not do any good but it may just get a result. In any case it takes 2 minutes and can't hurt!

<https://submissions.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/360>

That's it for issue 3. If anyone would like something included in the next issue please send me the details to:

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Until next time, keep yer powder dry!